companies to develop and obtain federal business opportuni—ties, including the U.S. military, at North Carolina military installations.

• Support the hiring of additional faculty at UNC-W for the Accelerated Nursing Program. This 16-month program, based in Onslow County, will be targeted towards non-nursing veterans, military personnel, or the spouses of military personnel who have a bachelor's degree. The program provides a faster pathway towards careers in nurs—ing and serves the community by increasing the supply of qualified nursing professionals.

Help for Military Base Communities

- Re-establish the Military Morale and Welfare fund, a grants program for military installations throughout the state to provide community service and quality of life programs for military members and their families.
- Provide funding and strategy for military communities to plan and position themselves
 favorably in preparation for potential future Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)
 actions and/or federal budget actions that affect North Carolina installations. Funds will
 support community planning, strategic communication, training range encroachment, and
 other needs identified in coordination with military and Department of Defense
 leadership.

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